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09/429,047	10/29/1999	JAMES V. LUCIANI	082771.P259	5463

TITLE OF INVENTION: METHOD FOR IMPROVING SIGNALING EFFICIENCY AND PERFORMING SERVICE LOAD BALANCING IN A CONNECTION ORIENTED NETWORK

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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	09/429,047	LUCIANI, JAMES V.
	Examiner	Art Unit
	Yvonne Q. Ha	2697

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTO-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS. This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to 3-11-03.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-20.
3. The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

5. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
 - (a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
6. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

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7. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
8. CORRECTED DRAWINGS must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No. _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed 7/25/00, which has been approved by the Examiner.
 - (c) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No. _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the top margin (not the back) of each sheet. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

9. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

1. The application has been allowed, formal drawings are required in response to this Office Action.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-20 are allowed.
3. The following is an examiner's statement for reasons for allowance:

- Claims 1, 14 and 19 are allowable over the prior art of record since the cited references taken individually or in combination fails to particularly disclose sending/receiving a request for information about a destination node from a source node (host or router) to a server node that responds to such requests on behalf of the destination node; forwarding the request from the server node to the destination node; sending a response to the request from the destination node to the server node; and forwarding the response from the server node to the source node. It is noted that the closest prior art, Chiang et al., (US Patent 5,835,725) shows the address resolution technique only involved with two nodes instead of three. However, Chiang et al. fails to disclose or render obvious the above underlined limitations as claimed.

- Claims 6, 11, 15 and 20 is allowable over the prior art of record since the cited references taken individually or in combination fails to particularly disclose determining at the Next Hop Servers to forward the NHRP resolution request to the destination and the intermediate station does not act as server node and destination node. It is noted that the closest prior art, Chiang et al., (US Patent 5,835,725) shows the address resolution technique only involved with

two nodes instead of three. However, Chiang et al. fails to disclose or render obvious the above underlined limitations as claimed.

- Claims 16, 17 and 18 are allowable over the prior art of record since the cited references taken individually or in combination fails to particularly disclose the address resolution of a destination node; the communication between three different nodes; the time, value and length which are an extension to the registration request. It is noted that the closest prior art, Chiang et al., (US Patent 5,835,725) and Reed et al. (US Patent 6,061,739) show the address resolution technique only involved with two nodes instead of three. However, Chiang and Reed et al. fails to disclose or render obvious the above underlined limitations as claimed.

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure

- Fendick et al. (US Patent 6,252,857) discloses provisioned and dynamic QoS in a communications network
- Horikawa et al. (US Patent 6,009,102) discloses NHRP packet authentication method and NHRP server
- Sakagawa et al. (US Patent 6,421,321) discloses apparatus and method for transferring a packet flow in a communication network
- Alexander, Jr. et al. (US Patent 6,178,171) discloses route switching mechanisms for source-routed ATM networks
- Civanlar et al. (US Patent 5,996,021) discloses internet protocol relay Network for directly routing datagram from ingress router to egress router

- Civanlar et al. (US Patent 5,828,844) discloses internet NCP over ATM
- Kujoory et al. (US Patent 6,021,263) discloses management of ATM virtual circuits with resources reservation protocol
- Couland et al. (US Patent 6,253,230) discloses distributed scalable device for selecting a server from a server cluster and a switched path to the selected server
- Horikawa et al. (US Patent 6,047,329) discloses non-broadcast multi-access network system capable of carrying out transmission of a next hop resolution protocol packet without setting internet protocol addresses
- Mahler et al. (US Patent 6,381,638) discloses system and method for options based address reuse

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Yvonne Q. Ha whose telephone number is 703-305-8392. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri. 7:00 a.m.- 4:00p.m. Eastern.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ricky Ngo can be reached on 703-305-4798. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-305-3988 for regular communications and 703-305-9051 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-305-3900.

YQH
April 29, 2003


RICKY NGO
PRIMARY EXAMINER